



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 11, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship

A Special Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

We hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of Christ's love are gifts to you as we worship God together. **We encourage you to explore our bulletin, fill out a Visitor Card or the red fellowship pad at the end of your pew, and take home a welcome folder found just outside the Sanctuary.**

We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our care and nurture of children and families, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service, and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. Bradley Hills is a safe place to ask the deep questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey.

We seek to be a welcoming witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that diversity in our membership--different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, races, sexual orientations, ideological and theological beliefs, and experiences - is an important strength. We come from a variety of denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers ages 3 and under in our nursery. All children are welcome to grab an activity board and children's bulletins for the service.

We hope we have a chance to greet you and get to know you. There are a lot of exciting activities happening at BHPC that we would love for you to be a part of. If we can share any information about the church or be of support to you in any way, just let us know. We invite you to explore our website at

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | **david@bradleyhillchurch.org**



Get Connected | Explore Membership

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community. Pastor David will be available to meet with families or individuals interested in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership. Just email David to set up a time or connect with David after the service.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Bradley Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

All: The Spirit is present at our baptisms.

One: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

All: Even when we turn away from God,

One: God's love never vanishes.

All: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: I lift my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Recognition of Stephen Slupe

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

One: Lord and life-giving Spirit, who charged the waters with life
when first the world began:

All: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

One: O God, our provider, who gives thirsty people water from a rock:

All: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

One: Holy Spirit, who anointed Jesus with your power of life
no death could conquer:

All: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, who poured yourself out as a drink offering
on our behalf, filling us with your Spirit:

All: Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Silence for personal confession.

One: We pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE & INVITATION TO CHILDREN

Children are invited, with the permission of their parents, to come forward and sit on the Chancel steps for the Children's Message.

Glory to God

From the Lima Liturgy (Peru)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last three staves are for the second line. The lyrics are: "Glo ry to God, glo ry to God, glo ry in the high - est!" and "To God be glo - ry for - ev er. To God be glo - ry for - ev er." The score includes parts for a Leader and All. The first staff is marked "Leader:" and the second "All:". The third staff has "Leader:" and "All:" above it. The fourth staff has "Leader:", "All:", "Leader:", and "All:" above it. The fifth staff has "Leader:" and "All:" above it. The lyrics are written below the notes.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children (pre-k through fifth grade) are invited to exit the sanctuary for Church School. If this is your child's first time at Bradley Hills, please accompany them out to meet their teacher in the Gathering Space.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;

I would my true love did so chance

To see the legend of my play,

To call my true love to my dance;

Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,

This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,

Of her I took fleshly substance

Thus was I knit to man's nature

To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was

So very poor, this was my chance

Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass

To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;

The Holy Ghost on me did glance,

My Father's voice heard I from above,

To call my true love to my dance.

- Traditional English Carol

SERMON

Remember, You are Loved

David Gray

*HYMN 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

CALL FOR THE OFFERINGS, TITHES AND PLEDGES

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate or basket, make a pledge through Giving Now or under the Stewardship section of the website. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to **fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads in the pews;** fellowship pads can be passed to the end of your row and back so that we might greet each other in our rows by name following the service.



OFFERTORY

The Lone Wild, Bird American folk hymn, arr. David N. Johnson
The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far off land.
And I am thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

- Henry Richard McFadyen

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology 591

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN FAITH - RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us enter into a time of silent meditation, contemplation, and then prayer.

Said in unison.

Spirit of the Living God, hover once more over us as you did at creation, energizing us with life, that we might remember our baptism in Christ. May we become part of your living water, an open conduit of your Holy Spirit flooding all of creation with blessings of your abundant life. In this sign, symbol and seal of your gracious love, we ask that you might guide us to live out our faith as people connected to you through Christ and the Spirit. May we remember our baptism, and may the river of your love flow through us.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Response for Concerns:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

All: We praise the Lord.

In unison.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Baptism Dance from *Windows of Comfort*

Dan Locklair

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Family Connections Lunch and Scavenger Hunt |

Join us for lots of fun - today in Memorial Hall following the service!

Preview of January 18

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online

Preaching - Pastor Denise Diaab

8:30 a.m. A more casual service in Covenant Hall

9:15 a.m. Adult Education meets in the Lounge and on Zoom

10:30 a.m. Our traditional service with music from the Chancel Choir and Church School for our little ones through 5th grade.

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Adult Education - January

January 18 | What will humans be good for as Artificial Intelligence spreads through societies? Lee Rainie, Director of Elon University's, Imagining the Digital Future Center, returns to Bradley Hills to discuss the impact of AI on personal spirituality and dignity as well on work and jobs. Lee speaks frequently on national networks and cable. His center's research includes the influence of AI on human emotional connections. Lee joined the Imagining the Digital Future Center as director in 2023 after 24 years of directing Pew Research Center's efforts to study the internet and technology.

January 25 | Artificial Intelligence and the Bible? Join us to examine how artificial intelligence can influence our understanding of the Bible. Dianne Whitaker and Clint Kelly return to the story of the Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32 and ask artificial intelligence to predict how the story plays out after a year has passed.

A Stewardship Note | Our Session works hard to care for our church family. They are forming plans right now for the coming year. But they can't do it alone! They need your input for our mission in God's world to be successful. If you haven't already pledged for 2026, please consider giving to the church's future by pledging on Realm, by dropping a pledge card (available in the Narthex) into the offering plate or into the mail, or by contacting jan@bradleyhillchurch.org

Ways to Give at BHPC

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Bradley Hills [Giving](#) page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Flower Dedication | The flowers today were given by Kathy and Terry Brady, in memory of Emily.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

We hold in God's healing presence those experiencing loss and grief.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

We hold in God's healing presence those who suffer pain, ill health, and/or other concerns including:

- Margaret, Joseph, and Kristine Yeager who are being treated for significant burns caused by a fire resulting from their Christmas tree igniting while they were preparing dinner.
- Greg Urban, Marcie, Helen, Mary Hickey, Donald, Kornelia Nagy-Koppany, Susan Slack, Peg Flowe, Graydon, Ed, Violet, Dick Tustian, Sharon Griffith, and Ben Flowe for health and well-being.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing war, hurt, and division including:

- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- All those experiencing food and housing insecurity.
- The welfare of our country; that those in authority lead with integrity considering all the people.
- Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine that benefits all the people and an end to gun violence.
- The people in Sudan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia.
- Those recovering from addiction and/or those suffering from mental illness.
- Those who are caregivers and those traveling.

Memorial Service | The memorial service for Eric Whisenhunt will be held TODAY at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Service Opportunity | **Looking for a new way to serve in 2026?** One of our Smart Sacks schools, Sargent Shriver Elementary School in Silver Spring, has a volunteer opportunity for you! The school will begin a new after school reading tutoring program (Tuesday or Thursday from 3:45-4:45 p.m.) for students in grades 1-5 in early February for the second semester.

Please contact Elaine Henderson at eelnc@aol.com if you have interest in this fun way to make a difference for 1 hour per week.



Winter at Bradley Hills

Worship

Worship at 8:30 a.m. | In Covenant Hall

Worship at 10:30 a.m. | In the Sanctuary and online

Adult Education & Small Groups

Adult Education | 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 2 p.m. on Zoom

Lenten Small Groups | February 19-April 5 | Daytime and Evening | In-person and Zoom groups

Grief Support Group | 3rd Thursday | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Mission

Becky's House & Lon's House | Make a one-time meal for eight.

Smart Sacks | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Lounge

Feeding Families | Pack and distribute groceries in Anacostia

Children and Family Programs

Childcare | Children 3 and under at 10:30 a.m. Worship

Church School | Sundays at 10:45 a.m. after the Children's Message
Pre-K to Kindergarten | 1st to 2nd Grade | 3rd to 5th Grade

Youth Group | Sundays at Noon in the Youth Lounge

Desserts and Devotions | Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Kitchen

Music

Chancel Choir | Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Alleluia Singers | Sunday from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lantern Chorale | Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Facilitators Needed for Lenten Small Groups | Lenten Small Groups will be held for six weeks February 19 – April 5, 2026. There will be in-person and Zoom options.

The primary resource will be Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. During Lent we will accompany Rev. Taylor on "her journey to understand darkness... teaching us how to find God even in darkness and giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know."

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Pastor Denise by January 18, 2026.

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Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Natalia Kojanova (alto), Brynn Farlow (tenor), Steven Slupe (bass)

Sign-Up for 2026 Flower Dedications



Scan the QR code to the left or contact Kristen Abbott or the Flower Guild if you are **interested in dedicating flowers in honor or in memory of someone**. Each dedication costs \$65.00. All proceeds go to funding the Flower Guild and Sunday morning flower arrangements.



In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr's legacy and birthday, BHP CNS is teaming up with Bethesda Help to feed food insecure students in our community. Families will be generously donating snacks from an Amazon Wish List. Our bear cubs will assemble the treats into snack bags and to be distributed to hungry students during winter months. We are thankful to have Memorial Hall when the cold weather keeps us inside. Thank you BHP CNS for sharing this warm and open space with us to Play, Grow, and Run in.

Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. (Covenant Hall) and 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

January 18 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

January 25 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

February 1 | Communion | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

February 8 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Annual Meeting

February 15 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

February 18 | Ash Wednesday | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

February 22 | First Sunday of Lent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Office Manager at kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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